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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 19 December 1953, 7 armored scout cars and 13 trucks were parked at the former motor vehicle and aircraft engine plant on Gabrieler Strasse in Moedling (O 49/X 37). Truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the entrance of the installation which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets circulated between the installation and the Hyrtl Orphanage. A telephone circuit connected the two installations. Three van-like trucks and a van-like trailer were parked in the yard of the Hyrtl Orphanage where about 20 EM were engaged in rifle exercise. Trucks [] driven by soldiers with black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets respectively were parked in front of the installation. Vehicles observed at the former Bundesgewerbeschule included jeeps [] driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets; sedans [] jeeps [] truck [] and van-like truck [] all vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Other vehicles included: jeep [] sedans [] driven by a civilian; ambulance [] and truck [] driven by a civilian.¹ 25X1
2. On 19 December, 6 van-like trucks and about 26 trucks [] were observed in the yard of the castle in Ebreichsdorf (P 48/X 46). No weapons were seen; they possibly were parked in the shed standing in the yard of the castle. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Neither sentries nor personnel traffic were seen at the quarters at 25 Wiener Strasse. A long-wire antenna between two masts on tripods was observed at the installation. A similar antenna was farther west in the direction of the castle.² 25X1
3. On 14 December, only a few soldiers, 2 trucks and 1 tank truck were observed at the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 39). The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Fresh motor vehicle tracks were leading to the entrance. Except for a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and a senior lieutenant with red-bordered black epaulets, no other officers were seen in the town. [] rocket launchers arrived a few months ago and were stationed in Hainburg.³ 25X1
4. On 17 December, 12 canvas-covered tanks or SP guns, 2 trucks and 4 van-like trucks were observed at the garage installation southeast of the Bruck **and**

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Leitha (P 49/X 77) railroad station. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers circulated between the garages and low wooden buildings located farther east. Truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. Vehicle traffic from the camp in the woods toward Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67) included truck [] with soldiers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets; truck [] and van-like truck [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets was parked in front of the new komendatura in Bruck on the Leitha River. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.⁴

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1. [] Comment. The observations in Moedling indicate no changes affecting the previous occupation. Trucks [] and ambulance [] belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. Most of the other vehicle [] are assigned to the Central Group of Forces; two vehicles belong to the Soviet High Commission. 25X1
2. [] Comment. The unit stationed in Ebreichsdorf has not been identified.
3. [] Comment. A rocket launcher unit, probably the 15th Gds RI Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, was stationed at the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg during the winter of 1952/1953. During the summer of 1953, however, the installation was at least temporarily vacant which indicates that the unit probably was absent from the post at a summer camp or engaged in field exercises and firing practice. 25X1
4. [] Comment. The 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div is carried in Bruck and Leitha. [] 25X1

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